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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management
Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
Deputy to the DCI for Collection Tasking
Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Operations
[redacted] Special Assistant to the DCI

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FROM : Walter Elder
Secretary

SUBJECT : Revision of DCIDs (U)

1. The DCI has asked me to forward to you the attached copy of my examination of the DCID's. I did this in response to his request (which is attached). (U)

2. His agenda for the projected meeting is self-evident. If it would be helpful to you, I would be pleased to discuss my paper with you before the meeting and to pull together your comments for consideration at the meeting. (U)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
 Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management
 Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
 Deputy to the DCI for Collection Tasking
 Deputy Director for Administration
 Deputy Director for Operations
 Executive Secretary, National Foreign Intelligence Board
 Paul Walsh, Special Assistant to the DCI

FROM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Revision of DCIDs (U)

1. In response to a recent memorandum, Walt Elder has sent me a superb piece of work on the DCID series. I am asking Walt to send each of you a copy of the materials and to schedule an hour-long meeting about three weeks from now so that we can discuss the DCID issue in depth. In particular, I would like for us to address the following:

- Should we revise the DCIDs?
- If so, when should we start and how should we go about it? (U)

2. Because [redacted] work on compartmentation will have a major impact on some of the DCIDs, I would like Paul to address this aspect of the problem. In addition, I would like all to carefully consider the political implications of a comprehensive revision of the DCIDs at this time. (C)

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Status of DCIDs (U)

1. I think the time has come to review the status of the DCIDs. To begin with, I don't understand how they are organized nor do I really feel I have an understanding of all of the DCIDs themselves. Could you give me an explanation of how we decide to put out a DCID, how we categorize them, and a synopsis of each of the existing ones.

2. Beyond that, I'd like to look at how Executive Order 12036 affects the DCIDs as well as any other of the numerous factors of change within our Community.

3. Although these cut across the budget resource and production areas, it seems to me it might be best if Walt Elder could take the lead in this.

4. All portions of this memorandum are CONFIDENTIAL.

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